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FOLLOWING GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY STATE AND AID FOR MEETING SCHEDULED MONDAY AFTERNOON:

- 1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES MET WITH FREEMAN AND GREEN ON JUNE 14 FOR A FULL AND VERY USEFUL REVIEW OF THE CONTENT AND MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE VALUABLE UNA STUDY.
- 2. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT FREEMAN AND GREEN WILL WISH TO BRING AMBASSADOR LEONARD UP TO DATE ON THE STUDY WITH WHICH HE IS OF COURSE COMPLETELY FAMILIAR. (FYI. USG MORE AT A LISTENING THAN COMMENTING STAGE RIGHT NOW.)
- 3. AMBASSADOR LEONARD SHOULD EXPRESS THE GRATITUDE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE USG AT THE CARE AND THOROUGHNESS WITH WHICH THE COM-MITTEE HAS LOOKED INTO THIS CRUCIAL ISSUE OF DISASTER ASSISTANCE. WE BELIEVE IT HAS HIGHLIGHTED THE CONTINUING PROBLEMS AND THE NEED FOR STRENGTHENING THE CURRENT SYSTEM.

4. THE REPORT IS CURRENTLY UNDER CAREFUL REVIEW ON AN URGENT BASIS IN AID AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND OUR POSI-

TION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL FOLLOW THIS REVIEW.

- 5. WE SHARE THE SENSE OF URGENCY FOR TAKING FURTHER STEPS TO IMPROVE THE PREPAREDNESS AND INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES, BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY, TO MEET DISASTER SITUATIONS MORE QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY AND, IN FACT, ARE EVEN NOW DEEPLY ENGAGED IN THOSE AREAS.
- 6. 1977 UNGA DISCUSSIONS OF RECOMMENDED FUTURE STEPS MAY BE USEFUL, ALTHOUGH IT WILL PROBABLY BE EARLY TO EXPECT SUBSTANTIVE DECISIONS AT THAT TIME.
- 7. FYI. ADDITIONAL U.S. FUNDING IN THIS AREA MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AT THE APPROPRIATE FUTURE TIME. VANCE

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